**University of Illinois Springfield Student Government Association Meeting Minutes**

Performing Arts Center – TV Studio Sunday, October 20, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by President Paoletti at 6:05pm.
2. Roll Call
   1. Present
      1. President Paoletti, Internal VP Cunningham, External VP Loera, Secretary Stinson, Treasurer Verthein, Parliamentarian Matthews, Senator Aviles, Senator Flaherty, Senator Garland, Senator Sherman, Senator Wesley, Senator Shenoy, Senator Gin, Senator Pernitsky.
   2. Absent
      1. Trustee Dawoud, Senator Mustafaoglu, Senator Valente, Senator Akpolonu, Senator Diaz, Senator Moseley, Senator Ebel.
3. Approval of the Agenda
   1. A vote was entertained by President Paoletti to approve the agenda of October 20th. So moved by Senator Flaherty, seconded by Senator Pernitsky. Unanimous Aye
4. Amendment of the Agenda
   1. A motion was entertained by External VP Loera to amend the agenda of October 20th. So moved by Senator Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Garland.

Unanimous Aye

1. Approval of the Minutes
   1. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to approve the minutes of October 6th. So moved by Senator Flaherty, seconded by Treasurer Verthein.

Unanimous Aye

1. Audience Participation
   1. Francesca Butler - Green Fee Committee Chair
      1. Student-led committee
      2. Collects yearly from student fees, ~$20,000 this year
      3. Survey students on campus and use their ideas/interests for project inspiration
      4. Living Wall project
         1. Green Fee Committee has already allocated $949, but seeking additional funding
2. Administrative Report
   1. Advisor Cynthia Thompson

a. No report.

1. Officer Reports
   1. Trustee Dawoud
      1. No report.
   2. President Paoletti
      1. Moment of silence for former Chair of Environmental Studies Dennis Ruez
      2. Campus Tuition and Fees Committee will be meeting in the coming weeks

- will discuss potential 1% increase in tuition, but no increase in student fees as of right now

* + 1. Full SGA and full Campus Senate for the first time in several years
    2. United Faculty - Dr. Kristi Barnwell will be speaking at SGA’s next meeting regarding the likeness of teacher and student concerns
    3. Meeting with Green Fee Committee in the coming week, will report back
    4. Still following through with vending machine software updates
    5. UIS pins to be distributed
    6. Campus Senate - meets every Friday
       1. New strategic investment program
  1. Internal Vice-President Cunningham
     1. Undergraduate Council meeting last week
        1. Final exam policy - current challenge is currently there is no policy that exists, teachers currently hold exams almost fully at their own discretion
        2. Medical lab sciences curriculum revision - will be voted on by Campus Senate this week
  2. External Vice-President Loera
     1. Final meeting this week for the Impossible Project
        1. New time change for the event: now at 4:30pm
        2. Thursday 10/24 is external agency tabling deadline
        3. Working on getting digital signage in Student Union
        4. Tshirt design finalized
     2. Student Advocacy Coalition guest speaker - Randy Witter - Nov. 4th at 5pm in the SLC
  3. Treasurer Verthein
     1. SOFA - rebooting/updating Facebook page
        1. Will be used to promote events that SOFA funds to help RSOs
        2. Campus Senate - main concern currently is growth; however, SGA’s top concern is the students
  4. Secretary Stinson
     1. Meeting with Campus Senate’s General Education Council on Oct. 23rd
  5. Parliamentarian Matthews
     1. Rules and Constitution Committee - full committee now, first meeting is this week

1. Senator Reports
   1. Senator Moseley
      1. Student Union Flagpole progressing through departments
      2. Ride along with UIS Police during Halloween weekend
      3. Met with Dr. Lorber, Vice Chancellor for Advancement - discussed Reaching Stellar campaign, will report back with more at SGA’s next meeting
      4. Meeting with food service to discuss having free hamburgers for veterans on Veterans Day at the Student Union
   2. Senator Natty
      1. UIS approved by IL State Board of Education approved, still will go through approval from IL Board of Higher Ed.
      2. Social Work Club is trying to get re-established on campus
   3. Senator Aviles
      1. Meeting with Dean of College of Liberal Arts & Sciences to establish relationship
      2. Will be meeting with Brian Rives, Director of Sangamon Auditorium to discuss holding a more student-oriented show to allow students to utilize the space, will report back at the next SGA meeting
   4. Senator Flaherty
      1. Athletic Director search has been narrowed down to 4 candidates
         1. There will be a public forum for them soon when they visit campus
         2. Decision to be made by Dec. 1st
      2. Campus Forum to be held Nov. 7th (tentative)
      3. Blue Crew
         1. Will be reviewing and updating Constitution and submit it for reapproval, then will be established as RSO
   5. Senator Pernitsky
      1. Buildup of trash in and around Marigold Court (townhouses)
         1. Met with RHA - willing to co-sponsor resolution
            1. Possible resolutions: RHA & SGA to host multiple clean up days, or purchase multiple trash cans for the student
         2. Multiple Preview Days coming up - hoping to get area cleaned up before then
   6. Senator Garland
      1. National Transfer Student Week - events planned throughout this coming week
   7. Senator Wesley
      1. Spoke with online coordinators
      2. Career Bytes Conference - November 8th
         1. Speaker is UIS alum
         2. Leadership table - Senator Wesley will be representing for SGA
   8. Senator Sherman
      1. Freshman Town Hall - currently discussing ideas with freshmen for the event
         1. Aiming to hold it the first week of December
   9. Senator Shenoy
      1. Met with International Student Services (ISS) regarding the University’s retention efforts
      2. Met with President Paoletti - ISS proposed idea of having grocery store on campus for basic commodities that students who live on campus may need, especially international students
   10. Senator Angie Gin
       1. Feedback from poll for potential Peoria SGA meeting date - December 8th, 6-7:30pm (TBD)
          1. A lot of interest from Peoria students in this meeting
          2. President Paoletti - idea of making this meeting more of a “town hall” event to be able to more directly communicate with Peoria students
          3. Internal VP Cunningham - Internal Affairs discussed idea of making the meeting more of a social event
          4. Further discussion of best date to hold the meeting
   11. Senator Ebel
       1. No report.
   12. Senator Diaz
       1. No report.
   13. Senator Shenoy
       1. No report.
   14. Senator Mustafaoglu
       1. No report.
2. Committee Reports
   1. Executive Board Committee - report by President Paoletti
      1. Lighting of UIS Colonnade - costs thousands of dollars for Christmas lights to be displayed every year; University is seeking to change Christmas lights to projector lights to save money.
         1. With the projectors, the Colonnade could also be lit other colors for different occasions throughout the year
         2. President Paoletti has meeting this week to discuss, will report back next SGA meeting
      2. Exploring idea of “Hide in Shelter” drill as alternative to “Active Shooter Drill” to increase student participation in the drills
         1. Senator Aviles - will discuss concerns with drills with Criminology and Criminal Justice Professor
      3. SGA Professional Portraits this week - Wednesday and Thursday
   2. Internal Affairs Committee - report by Internal VP Cunningham
      1. Met last Tuesday - reviewed liaison tasks, all members working hard
      2. Senator Wesley
         1. Spoke with rep. from Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance
            1. Best plan for students that have no access to insurance otherwise; BCBS has best mental health coverage
            2. Reason for price increase: less claims in previous years allowed for locked insurance price previous years, but last year many more claims were made and therefore price increase was necessary
   3. External Relations and Marketing Committee - report by External VP Loera
      1. Thanksgiving Break - only two days currently
         1. Reaching out to Provost office to get at least one more day
         2. If class is held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is currently at professors’ discretion
      2. Studio Theatre renovated - SGA to tour in the near future
      3. SGA Social Media will promote the various events going on
   4. Constitution and Rules Committee - report by Parliamentarian Matthews
      1. No report - first meeting tomorrow.
3. Old Business
4. New Business
   1. Green Fee Committee Member Appointment
      1. Kathleen Calhoon
      2. Jennifer Davis
      3. Chrissy Brown
      4. Mackenzi Matthews
   2. Loera entertained motion to appoint members. So moved by Senator Flaherty, seconded by Senator Pernitsky. Unanimous Aye
5. Discussion
   1. Green Fee Committee Living Wall - designed to give students indoor green space and cleaner air - additional input from Francesca Butler
      1. Facilities to cover labor and installation
      2. Green Fee Committee would like funds to cover remaining expenses - approximately $1200
         1. Discussion of contribution of approximately $500 from SGA
         2. Remainder from donations
            1. Potentially from RSOs
      3. Initial quote for the wall was $949, but necessary water system affected final quote
      4. Question of new library being built - Brookens will be repurposed as classrooms so living wall would still serve its purpose, add sustainability feature to the building which it lacks otherwise
      5. If funding is received very soon, wall can be built and up and running by next semester, otherwise would be delayed for another academic year
      6. Signage will display information about the wall’s educational aspect
      7. Fundraising may be a challenge on campus due to students already paying green fee
6. Adjourn
   1. President Paoletti entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved by Senator Flaherty, seconded by Treasurer Verthein. Unanimous Aye

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.